

fourth class may enter into contracts for the performance of mail-messenger service, and allowance may be made therefor from the appropriations for mail-messenger service: *Provided*, That the Postmaster General shall determine that the performance of such contracts will not interfere with the regular duties of such employees or with the operations of the postal service. The total amount payable under such contract to any postmaster, assistant postmaster, clerk, or rural carrier shall not exceed \$900 in any one year. Special-delivery messengers at post offices of all classes may enter into contracts for mail-messenger service."

Approved July 3, 1952.

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CHAPTER 553

AN ACT

To amend section 1699 of title 18 of the United States Code, relating to the unloading of mail from vessels.

July 3, 1952
[H. R. 7877]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1699 of title 18 of the United States Code is amended (a) by inserting after "post office," in the first paragraph "except where waybilled for discharge at other ports in the United States at which the vessel is scheduled to call and the Postmaster General does not determine that unreasonable delay in the mails will occur,"; (b) by inserting before the period at the end of the first paragraph a comma and the following: "except where waybilled for discharge at other ports in the United States at which the said vessel is scheduled to call and which the Postmaster General has not determined will be unreasonably delayed by remaining on board the said vessel for delivery at such ports"; and (c) by striking out in the last paragraph "before he has delivered such letters", and inserting in lieu thereof "before he has arranged for such delivery or onward carriage".

Approved July 3, 1952.

Postal service.
62 Stat. 777.

Public Law 445

CHAPTER 565

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the Collbran reclamation project, Colorado.

July 3, 1952
[H. R. 2813]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of supplying water for the irrigation of approximately twenty-one thousand acres of land and for municipal, domestic, industrial, and stockwater uses and of producing and disposing of hydroelectric power and, as incidental to said purposes, for the further purpose of providing for the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to construct the Collbran reclamation project, Colorado, substantially in accord with the plans set forth in the report of the Bureau of Reclamation approved by him, May 9, 1950, the estimated construction cost of which project is approximately \$16,086,000, and to operate and maintain the same.

Collbran reclamation project, Colo.

SEC. 2. In constructing, operating, and maintaining the Collbran project, the Secretary shall be governed by the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto) except so far as these laws are inconsistent

43 USC 391.

43 USC 485h.

with this Act: *Provided*, That any contract entered into pursuant to subsection (d) of section 9 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187) may provide that the general repayment obligation shall be spread in annual installments, in number and amounts satisfactory to the Secretary, over a period of not exceeding fifty years, exclusive of any development period as therein provided, for any project contract unit or for any irrigation block, if the project contract unit be divided into two or more irrigation blocks: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, net revenues derived from the sale of commercial power and from the furnishing of water for municipal, domestic, and industrial use shall be applied, first, to the amortization, with interest, of those portions of the actual cost of the construction of the project which are allocated, respectively, to commercial power and to municipal, domestic, and industrial water supply; and, thereafter, shall be applied to amortization of that portion of the cost allocated to irrigation which is beyond the ability of the irrigation water users to repay within the period specified above. Amortization of that portion of the construction cost allocated to commercial power shall include interest on the unamortized balance thereof at 3 per centum per annum. Repayment of that portion of the actual cost of constructing the project which is allocated to municipal, domestic, and industrial water supply and of interest on the unamortized balance thereof at a rate (which rate shall be certified by the Secretary of the Treasury) equal to the average rate paid by the United States on its long-term loans outstanding at the time the repayment contract is negotiated minus the amount of such net revenues as may be derived from temporary water supply contracts or from other sources prior to the close of the repayment period, shall be assured by a contract or contracts satisfactory to the Secretary, the term of which shall not exceed fifty years from the date of completion of the municipal and industrial water supply features of the project as determined by the Secretary.

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, approximately \$16,086,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

46 Stat. 3000.

45 Stat. 1057.

63 Stat. 31.

55 Stat. 1219.

SEC. 4. This Act and all works constructed hereunder shall be subject to and controlled by the Colorado River Compact dated November 24, 1922, and proclaimed effective by the President June 25, 1929, the Boulder Canyon Project Act approved December 2, 1928, the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact dated October 11, 1948, and the Mexican Water Treaty, and no right or claim of right to the use of the waters of the Colorado River shall be aided or prejudiced hereby.

Approved July 3, 1952.

Public Law 446

CHAPTER 566

AN ACT

July 3, 1952
[H. R. 7231]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide books for the adult blind".

2 USC 135a.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of the Act of June 13, 1944 (58 Stat. 276), is amended by striking out the word "adult".

Approved July 3, 1952.